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**A CONDENSED REPORT ON FOREST PRODUCTS, PRICES, SPECIFICATIONS,
EQUIPMENT, UTILIZATION NEWS, ETC.**



MARKET REPORT

It looks as if it is just normal summertime in the forest products business. Hot and dry or hot and wet !!! Can't decide which for this summer. Red Oak has been moving slowly but continuing to move. Everyone thought it was going to be much slower than it has been. The lower log prices for much of the state reflect the lower prices for red oak lumber. White oak continues to remain solid for both domestic and export production. Prices have moved up somewhat to reflect that in white oak lumber. Poplar has remained strong also. Some markets for maple have filled up as the supply has been up and down because mills have been cutting their logs to keep them from staining. Ash has slowed as well. Flooring oak continues to be in demand and needs remain steady. Ties and pallet cants are strong and look to stay that way for a while. Fuel is nearly three dollars a gallon; that is 60 cents a mile for a truck burning a gallon every 5 miles !!! No change in sight for that.

Sawmill Owners: Just don't seem to get as good a recovery as the mill in the next town ??

One solution is to replace your circle saw with a band. We have a computer program to help you make a good decision concerning replacement. The program's name is ECHO, *Economic Choice for Hardwood Sawmill Operations* developed by Mississippi State University to "determine the investment feasibility of installing reduced-kerf and higher-accuracy sawing machines in hardwood sawmills". The TDF has a copy and I would be glad to help you work through the data needed to run the program or get a copy for you. Call Doug at 615-837-5430.

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Editorial Comments:

The *third installment* of Tennessee's 10 Most Common Myths and Misconceptions about Forestry and Wildlife Management.



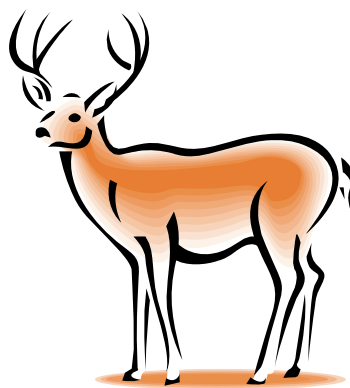
MISCONCEPTION #3: FIRE IS BAD FOR WILDLIFE.

Wildfires can be devastating for wildlife and timber, but **prescribed burning** in pine stands can improve wildlife habitat. Prescribed fire is **not** recommended in hardwoods.

Prescribed burning is the deliberate use of fire under controlled conditions to accomplish certain forest management objectives. It is one of the best and least costly wildlife habitat improvement techniques available to forest managers.

Browse plants (hardwood sprouts) will soon grow beyond the reach of deer in managed pine stands. Prescribed burning at 2-3 year intervals will keep browse within reach of deer and will stimulate the growth of nutritious forage plants. Quail and turkey also benefit because heavy brush is removed and seed-producing plants are encouraged to grow.

Prescribed burning used in conjunction with pine thinnings can dramatically improve wildlife habitat. Research has shown that burning can result in more than a five-fold increase in available wildlife food.

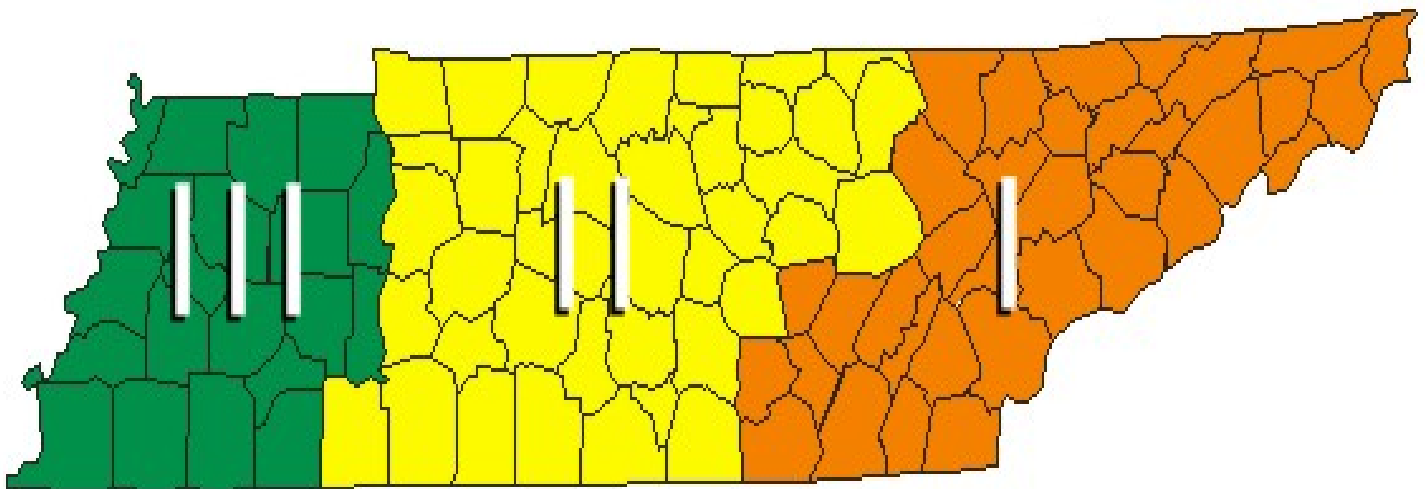


DELIVERED FOREST PRODUCT PRICES

PRODUCT	SPECIFICATIONS	PRICES	REGION
Cedar Logs	Length-6' to 12' and min DIB 4" at small end	\$71.00/ton (also \$370/MBF Cedar 2/3 Rule)	Region II
Crossties	7" X 9" X 8' 6" 7" X 8" X 8' 6" 6" X 8" X 8' 6"	<u>Oak</u>	Region I, II, & III
		<u>Mixed Hdwd.</u>	
		Grade 5: \$20	
		Grade 4: \$16	
Hickory Handle Logs	Min length 10' and min DIB 9" at small end	Grade 3: \$11.50	Region I, II, & III
		Grade 1: \$450+/MBF Doyle	
		Grade 2: \$400/MBF Doyle	
White Oak Stave Logs	White Oak-Length: 8 1/2" and add on 2' increments (allow 1 knot per 3' of length", and min. DIB 12" at small end	Grade 3: \$350/MBF Doyle	Region I, II, & III
		Grade 1: \$700/MBF Doyle	
		Grade 2: \$550/MBF Doyle	
Paulownia Logs	Min. length 8' and Min. DIB 8" at small end (Must be slow grown – prefer 8-10 growth rings per inch) Season Oct to April	Grade 3: \$450/MBF Doyle	Region I, II, & III
		Grade 1: \$700/MBF Doyle	
		Grade 2: \$550/MBF Doyle	
NOTE: Information is taken from a survey of randomly selected wood-using industries in Tennessee.	Specifications vary with industries	All prices are regional averages and are delivered prices per MBF Doyle unless otherwise indicated. They are subject to change and will vary locally. (A "+" indicates an increase since our last Bulletin; A "-" indicates a decrease).	Region I-East Tennessee; Region II-Middle Tennessee; Region III-West Tennessee (See map on page4)

Delivered Forest Product Prices (cont)

PRODUCT	SPECIFICATIONS	PRICES	REGION
Pine Pulpwood	Pine: Diameter, length, and species may vary with purchasing company. Consult firm first before cutting	\$21/ton or \$56.18/cord \$25/ton or \$66.88/cord (5350 lbs./ cord) (Gatewood Price)	Region I Region II & III
Hardwood Pulpwood	Hardwood: Diameter, length, and species may vary with purchasing company. Consult firm first before cutting	\$21/ton or \$60.90/cord \$23/ton or \$66.70/cord (5800 lbs./cord) (Gatewood Price)	Region I Region II & III
Softwood Logs	Length: 8'-16' and min DIB 6" at small end	SY Pine: \$240/MBF Doyle White Pine: \$255/MBF Doyle Hemlock: \$230/MBF Doyle	Region I & II
Veneer Logs	Prime logs only (specifications vary with buyer). Season Oct to April	Red Oak: \$700-\$1,000/MBF Doyle White Oak: \$900-\$1,500/MBF Doyle Walnut: \$1,000-\$2,000/MBF Doyle	Region I, II, & III





Product: Hardwood Sawlogs

Specifications: (Length: 8'-16'; and Min. DIB 8 " at small end) Delivered Prices**

SPECIES	REGION I	REGION II	REGION III
Red Oak	Grade 1: \$700- Grade 2: \$440- Grade 3: \$225-	Grade 1: \$820 Grade 2: \$550 Grade 3: \$265	Grade 1: \$700- Grade 2: \$450- Grade 3: \$255-
White Oak	Grade 1: \$690- Grade 2: \$425- Grade 3: \$220-	Grade 1: \$640 Grade 2: \$450 Grade 3: \$250	Grade 1: \$720- Grade 2: \$410- Grade 3: \$230-
Ash	Grade 1: \$400- Grade 2: \$250- Grade 3: \$150	Grade 1: \$460 Grade 2: \$310 Grade 3: \$190	Grade 1: \$420- Grade 2: \$250- Grade 3: \$175-
Yellow Poplar	Grade 1: \$350 Grade 2: \$220 Grade 3: \$125	Grade 1: \$410 Grade 2: \$300 Grade 3: \$190	Grade 1: \$410 Grade 2: \$300 Grade 3: \$190
Walnut	Grade 1: \$725 Grade 2: \$475 Grade 3: \$300	Grade 1: \$850 Grade 2: \$460 Grade 3: \$320	Grade 1: \$900 Grade 2: \$400 Grade 3: \$250
Cherry (new)	Grade 1: \$1200 Grade 2: \$700- Grade 3: \$350-	Grade 1: \$950 Grade 2: \$600 Grade 3: \$325	Grade 1: \$1000 Grade 2: \$800 Grade 3: \$425
Hard Maple	Grade 1: \$700+ Grade 2: \$450 Grade 3: \$260	Grade 1: \$610 Grade 2: \$415 Grade 3: \$220	Grade 1: \$470 Grade 2: \$325 Grade 3: \$200
Hickory	Grade 1: \$325 Grade 2: \$250 Grade 3: \$175	Grade 1: \$430 Grade 2: \$315 Grade 3: \$205	Grade 1: \$330 Grade 2: \$265 Grade 3: \$170
Miscellaneous Hardwoods	Average: \$180	Average: \$205	Average: \$180

****Note:** Prices quoted are per thousand board feet (MBF) Doyle Rule delivered to mill.

****THE TRADING POST****

ATTN: CIRCLE SAW OWNERS!

Stop making 'FAS Sawdust' and turn it into profitable lumber. By adding a BREWCO B-1600 or B-1800 Grade Resaw System to your mill, you can increase your yield by at least 15%--*ALL WITHOUT SAWING ANY MORE LOGS!* This thin-kerf resaw uses a 2" band. This allows you to gain the thin-kerf savings but not throw it away with a filing room. Keep that extra profit with a BREWCO Grade Run-Around System.

Ronnie Holley of Holley Lumber says, *"There's not a circle saw running that shouldn't have a BREWCO Grade Run-Around System..."* If you don't have one and you are running a circle saw, you are throwing away grade lumber in your sawdust pile. Just think of being able to get the same amount of lumber out of 85 logs that you now get out of 100 logs. It's like taking 15 free logs and sawing them into high-value grade lumber.

Don't sacrifice yield to saw kerf any longer. Get a BREWCO B-1600 or B-1800 Grade Resaw System today!

The BREWCO B-1600 has a 16" x 16" x 16' capacity. The new BREWCO B-1800 has an 18" x 18" x 16' capacity.

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Announcement From The Tennessee Forestry Association



TN Forestry Association Annual Meeting
September 6 - 8 at the Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN
<http://tnforestry.com/2006AnnualMeetingBrochure.pdf>

Healthy Hardwood Field Days Information
August 12, 19 and 26
<http://tnforestry.com/TN%20Healthy%20Hardwoods%20Field%20Days.pdf>